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bian Bouquet.....

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The Rev. Teunis S. Hamlin, acting president of Howard University, and Prof. Charles B. Purvis, vice dean of the medical department, were guests of honor at a reception held last night at the home of Dr. F. J. Shadd, 901 R street northwest. The reception, which was purely of a social nature, was tendered by the faculty of the medical department. Brief speeches were made by Dr. Hamlin and Prof. Purvis and by several other members of the faculty and alumni, advocating strongly the chang-ing of the medical school from a night to a day institution, and expressing satisfaction at the prospective erection of a commonospital for the use of the Howard

Dr. Hamiln expressed confidence of a great future for the university. He said that, all else being equal, Howard University should graduate as good scholars and estimable gentlemen as any educational in-

stitution in the country.

Prof. Purvis told of the progress of the medical department from its inception thirty-five years ago, and declared that the best interests of the university demanded that Dr. Hamlin be made permanent executive head of the university. Dr. E. A. Balloch and Mr. F. H. Smith were the other

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The Vigilant Again in Service.

The police boat Vigilant, which has been out of commission for three or four days while on a marine railway to receive a new propeller wheel and to have some repair work done, was put overboard yesterday and is again in service. The new wheel on the boat gives her more speed. The Lieut. B. F. Crosby, the army quartermaster's department launch, which has ty-five years ago, and declared that the best interests of the university demanded that Dr. Hamlin be made permanent executing head of the university. Dr. E. A. Balloch and Mr. F. H. Smith were the other speakers. Dr. Robert Reyburn presided.

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THE R. E. LEE STATUE

VIRGINIA THE PROPER PLACE FOR A MONUMENT.

A Union Veteran Protests Against the Bitterness-Was Lee True

to His State?

To the Editor of The Evening Star: In my mind this is a royal debate. When Robert E. Lee, with his gallant army of soldiers defended his own person and famfly and upheld the honor of the magnificent state which gave to us the immortal Washington; when he did his duty as he thought right in the eyes of God and man, some thing which no one but a real patriot and Christian soldier would do except under strenuous obligations; when he had his sword drawn to ward off the blows of an enemy from his dying brothers, some have been so mean and degraded as to call hima traitor. I for one am proud of the fact that he was an American.

To have a grand statue of him in hi To have a grand statue of him in his native state would be an honorable thing. Virginia is the place of his birth and the place where he made his home, and the good old Virginians should do him honor. Washington, the nation's capital, represents the headquarters of the United States of America. Here it is where the statues and monuments of all such men like Washington, Lincoln, Grant and others was and monuments of all such men like Washington, Lincoln, Grant and others was have held up the interests of the Union at all hazards, should be put. No American who has not been loyal to the cause of Lincoln should have the slightest recognition in the Capitol here in Washington beyond that he was an American. His name is revered from the northern boundary of Virginia to the ever-rolling waters of the great gulf, and God grant that it may ever be thus.

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Cornwallis, Braddock and others of their type were great soldiers, and I think that their followers (if they have any) have just as much right to present statues, although they fought against the Union. As an admirer of Lee's personality and his conduct in warfare, yet I must differ from him on the one and great respect of fighting against the Union.

The Virginians may well in their own state build a monument to Robert Lee and inscribe on it what a great writer seeming.

inscribe on it what a great writer seemingly intended for him:
"Nor Mars his sword nor war's quick fire

The Statute as to Statues. to the Editor of The Evening Star:

As a comrade I very much regret that the Grand Army of the Republic should have entered any protest against the placing of the Lee statue in the Capitol and that some comrades have written in a strain of vituperation against the name and memory of Gen. Lee. which I think ill becomes a good citizen and a brave soldier. But why discuss the question in any way. If the state of Virginia chooses to place the statue of

of Virginia chooses to place the statue of Lee in the Capitol I can see no way to prevent it unless Congress should see fit to repeal the present law.

Section 1814, page 321, R. S. of the United States is as follows:

"Suitable structures and railing shall be erected in the old hall of representatives for the reception and protection of statuary, and the same shall be under the supervision. and the same shall be under the supervision and direction of the chief of engineers in charge of public buildings and grounds. And the President is authorized to invite all the states to provide and furnish statues in marble or bronze, not exceeding two in number from each state, of deceased persons who have been citizens thereof and illustrious for their historic renown, or for distinguished civic or military services, such as each state may deem to be worthy of this national commemoration; and when of this national commemoration; and when so furnished the same shall be placed in the old hall of the House of Representatives, in the Capitol of the United States, which is set apart, or so much thereof as may be necessary, as a national statuary hall for the purposes herein indicated."

Passed July 2, 1864. Approved by President Lincoln. If the state of Virginia wants to place the

statue of Robert E. Lee in the Capitol, what are you going to do about it? For my part, I shall not protest.

DAN A. GROSVENOR. Washington and Lee.

To the Editor of The Evening Star: More than one writer on the Lee statue has attempted to justify the action of the Virginia legislature on the grounds of the similarity of the lives of Lee and Washington. But, as a matter of fact, proof only of one resemblance has been made to only of one resemblance has been made to appear. They were both Virginians. Here the similitude ends. Washington represented and led an oppressed people, who had time and again presented their grievances to the mother country, and finally these were set before the eyes of the world. The world then knew what the contention was about. Washington led the patriots, thus organized and armed with everlasting right, to a successful victory. In this, as in all other acts of his public and private all other acts of his public and private life, he was the open representative of all that was noble, grand and patriotic. He did not desert a high-salaried office and violate a sacred and binding oath, under the British government, through any

the British government, through any hatched-up pretext of greater loyalty to his colony, to assume the honored trust assigned him by his contemporaries.

Lee headed an organized but powerful mob, equipped with stolen arms and amunitions of war, which he, as an officer of the government, shad, without protest, witnessed in their systematic transfer to the disaffected states by the leaders of the cause he was then secretly preparing to espouse. With this stolen equipment, and without the slightest pretext, appeal or plea, and with no declaration of principles, further than that of imaginary danger to a ther than that of imaginary danger to a system of human slavery, which his fol-lowers have never owned or admitted, Lee headed a rebellion against his government, which, for its destructiveness, was unparal-leled in the world's history. And he justiled himself on the specious pretext of loy alty to his state.

And, again, have the friends and admirers of Washington, and they are legion, either individually or in their organized capacity, ever dared to claim, on the score of his ever dared to claim, on the score of his eminent and patriotic services to the British crown, a place for his statue in Westminster Hall, at London? And how much less appropriate and seemly would such a claim appear had he ignominiously failed, as Lee did, in his scheme of disrupting the government of the mother country!

Washington, although self-educated, was a great general, and Lee, with all the coaching the government had so lavishly expended upon him, was not. Washington was always considerate to the comfort and lives of his men. He attempted no impossible things. Lee did in many instances. His invasions of the north must have apapeared to his better judgment, and beforehand, as vain. His order for the cele-

forehand, as vain. His order for the cele-brated "charge" of Pickett, at Gettysburg, brated "charge" of Pickett, at Gettysburg, and that, too, after the battle was clearly decided against him, was little short of premeditated and wholesale murder, and his persistence in holding out after the evacuation of Richmond, and that in defiance of the frequent pleadings of his magnanimous and humane pursuer, to "Spare the further effusion of blood by an immediate surrender," showed a wanton and reckless disregard for precious human lives. Robert E. Lee did but little that was for the good of his state, but very much that was harmful and ruinous. At an early age he became the protege of the government. In the meantime, he was not in his state's service or in any material way promoting service or in any material way promoting her welfare and prosperity. When he de-serted (yes, that is the word,) his government's service he threw the weight of his influence, and that was no small item with a hero-worshiping constituency such as he then had, in favor of the secession move-ment, and thus he became the instrument ment, and thus he became the instrument for evil in carrying many of his fellow-citizens with him to their certain destruction. And this is the man who in its mistaken folly his state government seeks to set up in our national halls as an example to posterity. One can but wonder in this connection what Robert E. Lee would have done had not that portion of Virginia once belonging to the District of Columbia been ceded back to his state. In that case, would he have been loyal to the government, in the domain of which Arlington House stood?

W. H. RAGAN.

Lee and the Second Dragoons.

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and the contraction of the contr Star, wherein he states: "About the same time Brigadier General Twiggs, commanding the Department of Texas, where was still stationed Lee's old regiment, the 2d Dragoons, had treacherously surrendered to General Ben McCulloch his entire command," etc., etc. The 2d Dragoons was not General Lee's old regiment, was not in Texas at that time and did not surrender to General McCulloch nor to any one else, and I advise Mr. Goodall to correct his statement before he visits Fort Myer, where the 2d Dragoons-Cavalry is now stationed.

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VICTIMS OF A SCHEMER.

Alleged Imposition on Pawn Brokers in Baltimore.

Members of the local police department are interested in a case in Chicago involving the arrest of a man on a charge of having swindled pawnbrokers in different sections of the country. So far as is known no money lenders in this city were victimized by the scheme, but the Baltimoreans in the same business were not so fortunate. It is claimed that the man under arrest has discovered an alloy the composition of which is such that when put over an ordinary brass chain it will deceive experts. The cost of such a chain is said to be about \$3, and they have been pawned for as much as \$18. Acid tests, it is stated, have no effect whatever on the coating, and a test can

whatever on the coating, and a test can only be made by cutting the chain. The Baltimore pawnbrokers first learned of the alleged swindle when one of them received a letter signed "Citizen." This letter was postmarked New York. It reads:

"Pawnbrokers: I have to inform you to notify the other pawnbrokers of Baltimore to be careful by pledging goods, because it is going on now a great swindle with the ladles and gentlemen's chains there is a mark of 14K no name on it inside is brass. The chain is worth \$3 and the fakers are getting \$16. These chains can only be tried by cutting them. Within a couple of weeks ago you have been faked yourself with a chain and all the pawn brokers of Holstead street have gote these chains. Please to inform the pawnbrokers because they will get faked again in a short time. The fakers name is Simon Shapiro be is standing outname is Simon Shapiro he is standing out-side and sends in somebody to pawn. He has always a dozen chains with him he can be caught easily. Please and take satisfac-tion of him."

It is believed by the Baltimore police that the letter was written by a man who was connected with the alleged swindle, but who had probably not fared so well as the others. Several Baltimore firms loaned money on the fake chains. At one establishment the chain was pawned by a woman.

JOSE ESTRADA-PAHMA WEDS. Son of Cuba's President Secretly Marries Miss Jacobs.

A dispatch from New Work last night ays: It was learned today that Jose Estrada Palma, a son of Thomas Estrada Palma, president of the Cuban republic, and Miss Mabel Jacobs, a student at the Normal College, and daughter of David B. Jacobs, a wealthy tobacco importer, were privately married here on February 11. Young Estrada Palma, who is a student at Columbia University, went to Washington today to consult with Gonzales de ington today to consult with Gonzales de Quesada, the Cuban minister, and to request him to break the news of the marriage to his father.

The young couple had been acquainted about a year. On the afternoon of February 11 they went, accompanied by Miss Jacobs' sister, to the parsonage of the New York Presbyterian Church, in Harlem, where they were married by the Rev. Duncan McMillan, after which the bride returned to her father's home. Fear of parental opposition appears to have been

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by the United States Senate of a Cuban

ter positively denied that she was married to young Estrada Palma.

At the Cuban legation Senor Quesada, the minister from that country, said that young Jose Estrada Palma had been a guest at his (Quesada's) home since last Saturday, but had returned to New York. The young man's visit, Mr. Quesada said, was a purely social one, made at the invitation of the minister, who desired him to be in Washington when the Cuban treaty was ratified. The young man, the minister understood, already had informed his father of his marriage to Miss Jacobs, and in all probability would take his bride with him when he went home in June.

GRATIFYING TO PALMA.

Cuba's President Discusses Action of

reciprocity treaty. He expressed his gratification at this action, and added that the number of yeas was not greater than he had anticipated. He said that while the news of an earlier special session of the House would be welcome, the reported intention of President Roosevelt to call a special session in the autumn would allow the treaty the desired opportunity for discussion and action

cussion and action.

The action of the Senate renews the hopes of business men here that a satisfactory arrangement of rates and duties would eventually be reached. The conclusion of a permanent treaty awaits only the decision of the United States government as to whether or not it will claim sovereignty over the Isle of Pines. There is no doubt here that the sovereignty of Cuba will be

moval of the amendment from the consti-tution and thus dispense with the principal bone of contention between the opponents and the adherents of the Palma administration. The latter are perfectly willing that this amendment be dropped from the Cuban constitution, and as this is what the opposition is contending for it is expected that the requirement for amending the constitution, namely, a two-thirds vote of both houses, will be easily met.

Missing Attorney Heard From. urb of Baltimore, a few days ago, has been heard from in Memphis, Tenn. He sent a letter to his brother telling of his where-abouts and saying he would explain his conduct when he returned home. His brother, brother-in-law and a friend left Baltimore last night for Memphis, with